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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Report of the Drafting Committee

1. At its 1704th meeting, on 24 May 1994, the Trusteeship Council appointed a drafting committee composed of the representatives of China, France, the Russian Federation and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to prepare draft conclusions and recommendations of the Trusteeship Council at its sixty-first session to be included in its report to the Security Council.

2. The drafting committee held one meeting on 24 May, and decided to forward the draft conclusions and recommendations set out in the annex to the present report to the Council for its consideration.

Annex

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Political advancement

1. The Trusteeship Council recalls the adoption on 22 December 1990, by the Security Council, as proposed by all members of the Trusteeship Council, of resolution 683 (1990), in which the Security Council expressed its hope that the people of Palau would be able in due course to complete the process of freely exercising their right to self-determination.

2. The Trusteeship Council welcomes the holding of a plebiscite in Palau on 9 November 1993 on the Compact of Free Association a/ with the United States of America. The Council also welcomes the result of the plebiscite and congratulates the people of Palau. The Trusteeship Council expresses the hope that, in the near future, the Administering Authority will take up the matter of the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement b/ with the Security Council, in accordance with Article 83 of the Charter of the United Nations.

3. The Trusteeship Council expresses its deep appreciation to the Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and in particular to the Chairman, Mr. Alain Pallu de Beaupuy. The Council welcomes the mission's report, c/ as stated also in its resolution 2198 (LX) of 18 January 1994.

B. Economic, social and educational advancement

4. The Trusteeship Council notes that the peoples of the Trust Territory, in the exercise of their right to self-government as set out in Article 76 b of the Charter, have elected to assume full responsibility for administration in the economic, social and educational fields.

5. The Trusteeship Council notes with satisfaction that further progress has been made in the economic, social and educational fields. In particular, the Council welcomes the draft five-year plan, completed in November 1992 by the Ministry of Health in collaboration with the World Health Organization, and the opening of the Palau National Hospital. The Council expresses the hope that the goals and objectives will be realized within the time-scale of the plan. The Council endorses the five priorities of the Ministry of Health for 1994.

6. The Trusteeship Council takes note of the progress made in activities related to fisheries resources development and the emphasis placed on the need to protect the environment, in particular, to safeguard against overexploitation of marine resources. The Council looks forward to the early completion of the Palau National Master Development Plan financed jointly by the Administering Authority and the United Nations Development Programme. The Plan will greatly help the advancement of the goal of enhanced economic self-sufficiency.

C. General

7. The Trusteeship Council notes with satisfaction the assurances given by the Administering Authority that it will continue to fulfil its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations and under the Trusteeship Agreement, until the implementation of the Compact of Free Association and the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement.

8. The Trusteeship Council takes note of the statement by the Administering Authority that the Untied States of America has no plans to establish military bases in Palau.

Notes

a/ The Compact of Free Association between Palau and the United States is described in the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, February 1983 (Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3 (T/1851)). Amendments to the Compact, agreed to in January 1986, are contained in the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Island, February 1986 (ibid., Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 2 (T/1885)).

b/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.1).

c/ For the report of the United Nations Visiting Mission to Observe the Plebiscite in Palau, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, November 1993, see Official Records of the Trusteeship Council, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 1 (T/1978).